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TRACE THIRD PLAGUE CASE TO HILL ST.

Two Child Residents of Short Highway Prostrate With Poliomyelitis And Girl Who Visited One Dies in Meriden—Bank Teller's Son Stricken.

Health Department to Create Positions For Three Bacteriologists and Three Milk Inspectors, Announcement Today—Plan Testing Laboratory.

Following a conference this morning with Mayor Wilson, Dr. Abraham Sophian, the health expert, announced that the health department staff will be further increased. A staff of bacteriologists, the number of which hasn't been determined, two more veterinarians and a layman to act as milk inspectors, and minor position holders for a bacteriological laboratory that will be established, will be employed. A supervising bacteriologist at a salary of more than \$2,000 will be engaged. He has already been selected. The new official is a New York physician and he is expected here as soon as quarters can be obtained for the experienced station.

The number of definite cases of poliomyelitis in Bridgeport became 13 today when Dr. Arthur Scrimgeour reported the illness of Frederick, the two-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Wheeler of 73 Laurel avenue. Mr. Wheeler is noted as the father of the first Bridgeport National Bank. There is another young son in the family.

The child was removed to Hillside home today in a private ambulance. A private room at Hillside home was insisted upon by the parents. Dr. Sophian declared the case positive infantile paralysis.

Two cases of infantile paralysis, one of them fatal, have developed in Hill street, a few doors away from the home in which Francis Keyes, of No. 44, was stricken early last week.

Today, Gladys, the 14-year-old daughter of P. J. Griffin, a prominent moonshiner of Meriden, died of the plague. She had visited Irene Kresnick at 59 Hill street, this city, Irene is in the New Haven hospital today seriously stricken with the disease.

The Griffin girl spent several days in Bridgeport. She became ill several days ago and it was only last night that her illness was recognized as poliomyelitis.

Neither of the girls was ill when she left Bridgeport, according to reports from Meriden. The discovery that the Kresnick girl had contracted the ailment was made yesterday.

Harold, the 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Marsden of Meriden, died today of the plague.

A meeting of milk producers and dealers at the city hall yesterday with the health department officials resulted unsatisfactorily. Dr. Sophian said today the milkmen don't understand the situation and have taken the wrong view of it from the start.

"Our business is to take care of the health of the community," he said. "That is paramount. Other interests must be subordinated to it."

He intimated that the measures proposed by the board will be carried out regardless of the beliefs of the milkmen.

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INFANT PLAGUE IN N. Y. CLAIMS 38 MORE BABES

Deaths and New Cases in Last 24 Hours Show Another Increase.

New York, July 25.—Both deaths and new cases increased today in the epidemic of infantile paralysis. During the twenty-four hour period ending at 10 a. m., thirty-eight children died of the disease and 150 were stricken.

CASE IN CANTERBURY. South Canterbury, Conn., July 25.—The illness of a child in the north district near the Brooklyn line, was diagnosed yesterday as due to infantile paralysis. The family had the child as a summer boarder. The child in question came from New York with its parents by way of New London and at that place it was passed as in good health.

A quarantine on the house has been made and an order given that children under sixteen from New York shall not be admitted to town.

Generally cloudy tonight and Wednesday, little change in temperature; moderate to moderate winds, mostly south.

HIS NECK BROKEN, MAN IN HOSPITAL MAY LIVE; FELL FROM FREIGHT CAR

A remarkable case of a man living with a broken neck is presented today at Bridgeport hospital, where Harry N. Hawley, aged 34, unmarried, living at 2591 Main street, is being closely observed by physicians.

Hawley, who has been employed in the Housatonic avenue yards of the Iron Ledge quarry as superintendent has been confined at the institution since last Saturday when he was found lying beside a train of freight cars in a semi-conscious condition.

He was unable to give a clear account of what happened but stated that he was standing upon a train of cars when, without an engine being attached, he suddenly lost his balance and toppled to the ground, where he struck upon his head.

The force of the blow rendered him temporarily unconscious but he later recovered and without being able to call for help lay unobserved for some time. Several fellow employees found him prone upon the ground.

The ambulance was summoned but did not respond as quickly as was deemed necessary, according to Ernest H. Chaffee, a clerk at the yards, and Hawley was sent to Bridgeport hospital in a private conveyance. Examination of the arrival there, the fact was disclosed that the neck was undoubtedly broken, the vertebrae

having been splintered. It was hardly expected that the patient would live but his extreme vitality has given hope to the hospital staff.

Dr. F. P. Carroll of Bridgeport hospital, who has had charge of Hawley during the absence of Dr. Patterson from the city has had X-ray pictures taken. It has not yet been determined from the negatives taken just what area of the spinal cord has been ruptured. A further determination will be made from the negatives late this afternoon.

Physicians say that the cases of recovery from broken neck are extremely rare that method being utilized in this and other states for legal executions under the death penalty. Death is usually instantaneous.

Though little hope is held for ultimate recovery in the present case should the supreme nervous cord of the body be found not to be torn to a major degree the chances for life will be materially strengthened.

Hawley is a prominent member of Christ Episcopal church, a teacher of the Sunday school, and a member of the choir. His parents reside in Hawleyville, whence he came to Bridgeport several years ago. He has a sister employed in the Bridgeport Public Library, and a married sister, Mrs. Baldwin, living in Stratford.

Warren Bros. Co. Races Injunction Laying New Harrison St. Pavement

All speed records for the laying of pavement were broken yesterday and today by the Warren Brothers Co. of Boston in laying Warrenite on Harrison street. Yesterday the pavement was laid from Fairfield avenue to Elm street and today traffic was sent over the newly laid covering for that block length.

This morning the laying of the pavement to Golden Hill street and its preparation to finish the work as far as Congress street.

Today the secret of the plan which the Warren Brothers Co. contemplated using in case an injunction against the work was procured, was found out. The rule had been carefully studied and according to those who knew it, it would have worked so that the pavement would be laid even though several injunctions were obtained.

Bright and early yesterday morning after the foremen of the company had been given their instructions, the man in charge of the company's affairs in this city, betook himself to some other vicinity so that no injunction could be served on him. One of the eight or nine foremen in the city

was sent to the Harrison street job and work was commenced.

In anticipation of injunctions, the company had arranged that in case an injunction was served on the foreman in charge of the job, another would be transferred from some other part of the city to take his place.

If the second foreman was told by anyone of the previous injunction he was to plead ignorance and state that it had not been served on him. Another injunction would then be necessary.

By means of using the entire group of foremen, the company hoped to have been able to continue operations until injunctions had been served on all. But because no property damage had been incurred, injunctions could not be procured it was reported by those opposed to the pavement and the plans of the Boston firm were not necessary.

Mayor Wilson today said he would not discuss the pavement situation in Harrison street. He said he had been grossly misquoted regarding the interview which he is reported to have had with Alexander Howell, president of the Animal Rescue league. The mayor said the common council voted to lay the Warrenite in Harrison street and the time for objection was when the matter was first brought up.

London, July 25.—Apparently the status of Ireland has gone steadily from bad to worse ever since the Sinn Féin rising on Easter Sunday, for at present the country is in the hands of a temporary and makeshift government composed of a commission of judges assisted by Major General Sir John Maxwell, commander of the British forces in Ireland, who still is maintaining military control over most of the ordinary police functions.

The office of Augustine Birrell, ex-chief secretary for Ireland, remains unfiled and Herbert Samuel, the head of the home office, who has no special knowledge of Irish affairs, represents the interest of Ireland in the cabinet and before the House of Commons.

Great Britain finds itself at one of the most critical stages of the war again distracted by wranglings over the pro- and with no light ahead. The nationalist members in the House of Commons who, as a party, thus far have supported the government's war and domestic measures, threaten to shift their position and to become an opposition party. The position of the nationalists, moreover, is anomalous. Discontent in Ireland over the government's dealings with the insurance has become so widespread, according to reports, that the nationalists have lost the confidence of their constituents and probably would be repudiated if they stood for re-election today.

The English newspapers of all fac-

ions blame the cabinet for its management of the Irish question and regret the failure of a compromise, the only conspicuous exception being the Morning Post which consistently has demanded the government of Ireland by a strong hand and no home rule.

John Redmond, leader of the Irish Nationalists, in his speech last night said:

"I will not hallow words about a breach of faith or the violation of a solemn agreement, but I want the government clearly to understand that they have entered upon a course which is bound to increase Irish suspicion of the good faith of British statesmen. To inflame feeling in Ireland would do serious mischief to those high imperial interests which we are told necessitate a provisional settlement of this question."

"Some tragic fatality seems to dog the footsteps of this government in all their dealings with Ireland. Every step taken by them since coalition was formed and especially since the unfortunate outbreak in Dublin, has been lamentable. They have disregarded every advice we have tendered them, and now, having got us to induce our people to make a tremendous sacrifice and to agree to the temporary exclusion of the six Ulster counties, they throw this agreement to the winds and have taken the surest means to accentuate every possible change and difficulty in the Irish situation."

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U.S. TO BUY ISLANDS OF DANES SOON

Treaty for Purchase of West Indies Group is Practically Completed, White House Announces.

Price Will be \$25,000,000 and Purchase Will Give Country Island of Strategic Importance.

Washington, July 25.—Official announcement was made at the White House today that negotiations have practically been completed for the purchase of the Danish West Indies by the United States from Denmark for \$25,000,000.

A treaty closing the transaction probably will be signed today and immediately sent to the Senate.

While details of the treaty were not given out it is understood that the United States would come in to complete possession of the islands.

Word has been received from Denmark that the treaty is virtually certain of being ratified by Parliament.

The three islands of the Danish West Indies—St. Croix, St. Thomas and St. John—lie due east of Porto Rico, and their value to the United States is strategic from a military point of view.

The harbors of St. Thomas and St. Croix are of first importance to the American navy and St. Thomas lies in the lane of shipping from Europe to the Panama canal. Important German and French and English mail companies have basing stations there.

The acquisition of the islands by the United States has been the subject of unsuccessful diplomatic negotiations since their war.

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In fact, other girls who work on the lace machine in the same department with Miss Kinnof are said to have noticed the change in Miss Kinnof's demeanor for in the dashing, vivacious young woman who always greeted them with a cheery word a transformation was wrought and Miss Kinnof has been moody for the last 10 days.

Grieving over the misfortune to the young man, Miss Kinnof has appeared haggard and careworn but not until today did her co-workers believe that she would do any rash act. When she came to work this morning, she appeared to be more reticent than she has been, which caused the other employees to comment. As a climax, she is said to have confided to a friend shortly after 5 o'clock that "she might as well be in the hospital with him."

A few minutes afterward, Miss Kinnof was found to have taken poison green but none of the other employees knew where she got the poison. A call was sent in for the ambulance and an antidote was given the young woman. Dr. C. C. Taylor of the emergency corps responded and after treating Miss Kinnof removed her to the hospital, where she refused to explain her action.

Alsop, Losing Favor, Likely to Quit Post

State Chairman of Moose May Resign at Meeting July 31.

Hartford, July 25.—Joseph W. Alsop, chairman of the Progressive state central committee, today issued a call for the committee to meet at the Heublein in this city Monday, July 31, at 2 p. m.

It is said that Mr. Alsop may tender his resignation of the chairmanship at that meeting.

The meeting is called to select a delegate to the convention to be held in Chicago, August 5.

MILFORD QUARANTINES AGAINST METROPOLIS

Health Officer W. S. Putney of Milford, ordered a quarantine last night against New York. All children under 16 years of age will be barred from the town, if they come from Greater New York.

Walnut beach, Myrtle beach, Laurel beach and Silver beach are included as they are in the township of Milford. Policemen will be detailed to enforce the order.

Because of the two deaths in the Milford township, both of the children who came from New York, it is expected the residents will co-operate and report all suspicious cases or the entry of families with children from New York.

GERMANS LACK MEDICAL SUPPLIES

New York, July 25.—The medical staff of the German army is feeling the British blockade in a shortage of necessary surgical supplies, according to Dr. Karl Eggers, a New York surgeon who reached here today from Copenhagen. The shortage according to Dr. Eggers consists mainly of rubber gloves, surgical catgut and plaster.

Attacks Fail, Says Berlin

Berlin, July 25.—An English and French combined attack made yesterday north of the river Somme in France, says the official statement is (Continued on Page 1.)

TWENTY-TWO ARE DEAD, SIX DYING AFTER EXPLOSION OF GAS IN UNDERWATER TUBE

FIANCE INVALID, STRATFORD GIRL WOULD END LIFE

Emma Kinnof, Aged 18, Swallows Paris Green at Factory Bench.

SWEETHEART HURT DURING BIG STORM

Once Vivacious Girl Moody For 10 Days, Report of Her Friends.

Grieved over the illness of her fiancé, who is said to have been struck by lightning during the severe electrical storm a week ago last Thursday, Miss Emma Kinnof, 18 years of age, of Honeyaport road, Stratford, made an unsuccessful attempt to commit suicide this morning at the plant of the Albert E. Henckels Co. on Connecticut avenue. She was taken to the Bridgeport hospital and was reported out of danger this afternoon.

Though the foreman in the department in which Miss Kinnof is employed refused to discuss the details of the attempted suicide and a similar attitude was observed by other officials of the factory, it has been said on good authority that a young man in whom Miss Kinnof is greatly interested, was affected by a bolt of lightning during the recent storm. Since then he is said to have been unable to work and Miss Kinnof has been greatly worried over his illness.

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MOLDERS GOING ELSEWHERE TO FOLLOW TRADE

Strikers Here Won't Wait for Settlement of Labor Troubles, Says O'Leary.

As a result of the fight of the Manufacturers' association against the molders' campaign for more wages, 25 striking workmen have obtained jobs in other cities temporarily, it was reported this morning by J. R. O'Leary, organizer, at a meeting of the strikers held this morning in Bartenders' hall.

No change in the situation was reported at the meeting but it was intimated some developments may be looked for soon. No more than one or two have returned to their jobs. It was reported.

A meeting of the molders was held last evening in Rakoczi hall and another meeting will be held tomorrow evening. Last night many were reinstated in the union.

MACHINISTS' LOCAL SELECTS SITE FOR UNION HOME HERE

A building and site have been obtained for the new machinists' home in this city, according to George J. Bowen, business agent of the International Association of Machinists. It is expected the building will be occupied by the union before the end of six months.

The site of the proposed new home hasn't been made public because the union as a whole hasn't decided on a purchase yet. It is proposed by officers of the union to rent and lease rooms or suites to labor organizations and other bodies.

PRESIDENT ASKS SUPPORT OF BIG NAVAL PROGRAM

Washington, July 25.—Official word went to the capital today that President Wilson stands behind the construction program of the naval bill as it passed the Senate, including four dreadnaughts and four battle cruisers to be built immediately.

Friendly With Watch Dog, Graydosky Makes Raid on Murray Cellar

Protesting his innocence of the theft of a bicycle from the cellar of the home of John A. Murray at 460 Brooks street, 18 year old Edward Graydosky was sentenced to serve a 60 day jail sentence unless room can be found for him at the George Junior Republic at Litchfield. He was arraigned in the city court today and his trial showed the inefficiency of a watch dog at the Murray home.

In the yard of the Murray house a tent has been erected for the children and a watch dog sleeps there at night. Graydosky has also been keeping the dog company but was not disturbed until the bicycle was stolen. He was arrested but denies the theft, though unable to state where he got the money on which he has been subsisting for the last six weeks, during which time he has been out of work.

Deadly Fumes Overcome Members of Two Rescue Parties Seeking to Save Eleven Workers Caught in Shaft Under Lake Erie.

Cause of Explosion is Unknown—Several of Rescuers Are Dragged Out Unconscious, and None of Workers in Tube Found.

Cleveland, July 25.—Twenty-two men are dead and a half dozen others dying as the result of an explosion of gas in the waterworks tunnel five miles from shore underneath the Lake Erie last night.

The dead include workmen who were trapped in the tunnel when gas exploded and members of two rescue parties who attempted to save the men first trapped.

Of the dead eleven were of the force trapped by the explosion. None of these escaped. The first rescue party consisted of seven men. Four of them perished. The second rescue party comprised eleven men. Six of these lost their lives.

The first rescue party accomplished nothing. The second saved one of the first relief expedition. No one has yet reached any of the original eleven caught in the workings.

Of the eight rescuers who got out alive two died later. The others may die. Two men were also overcome by fumes, who did not go into the tunnel. A third rescue party entered the tunnel at 3 a. m. and brought out alive Gustav C. Van Duzen, superintendent of the water works construction who had headed the second relief force.

Van Duzen may die from his experiences. One body also was brought out by the third rescue party. This was a member of the second rescue party. It had been supposed that Van Duzen had perished.

The tragic fate of the rescuers in the first and second instances was due to the fact that they worked without oxygen helmets, which were not available. The third rescue party was equipped with helmets.

The cause of the explosion has not yet been ascertained. The tunnel was equipped with electrically driven machinery for excavation. The party of 11 workmen who were caught by the explosion entered the tunnel at 8 o'clock last night. About 9:30 p. m. the explosion occurred.

Deadly fumes almost overcame Lock Tender Dolan. He managed to close the lock and then releasing the high pressure from the air chamber, he opened the door leading to the crib above and gave the alarm to men at the surface of the lake.

Superintendent Johnson summoned villagers and led the first rescue party of villagers down the elevators and into the tunnel. One hundred and fifty feet from the bottom of the shaft they began to fall, overcome by fumes. Dolan had resumed his post in the air chamber, rushed after them. He saw a flash of light in the darkness.

It proved to be Johnson's flashlight which he still grasped when he had fallen. Dolan dragged him to the bottom of the elevator shaft and then went back. Almost dead himself, he dragged Peter McKenna to safety. Then he collapsed. Others from the crib took the three up the elevator and they were placed aboard boats.

It was two hours later when Van Duzen organized the second rescue party on shore and went to the crib. It was then with his men he descended into the tunnel. They found Michael Keough of the first rescue party still alive and dragged him out. They went in again, only to suffer the same fate which had befallen the first party. Finally, four of them managed to stagger back to safety. The others did not come out until the third rescue party was organized and went after them. It became known that work in the tunnel had been suspended three days ago because gas was found. The men sent into the tunnel last night went to work believing the gas had been eliminated.

The construction job on which the loss of life occurred was being done by the city. The accident is the first of any consequence since the new tunnel was started in 1914. The tunnel is to cost \$1,500,000 and will connect with a filtration plant designed to give Cleveland pure water.

Seventy lives were lost in the building of Cleveland's other tunnels through which the present supply passes.

All of the ten bodies so far recovered are of members of the first and second rescue parties. Rescuers believe the tunnel caved in after the explosion and remaining victims are under tons of mud and may not be reached for days.

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MOTOR BANDITS ROB CHAUFFEUR OF JITNEY AUTO

Posing as Policemen, Limousine Riders Conduct Early Morning Holdup.

BLOCK DARK ROAD AT SEASIDE PARK

Get \$7 and License of Victim, Frightened By Display of Revolvers.

Held up in a dark section of Seaside park at 4 o'clock this morning by two men who forced him to stall his automobile by driving another directly in its path, Mayek Nakashian, 326 State street, driver of a Jitney Bus, at the muzzle of revolvers, was forced to give the highwaymen, who posed as policemen, his automobile license and all the money he had, amounting to about \$7.

They sped away in the automobile after threatening to shoot if he made any outcry.

Nakashian reported the holdup immediately afterward to the police and though the men on the posts were acquainted with a description of the other car and its occupants, nothing was ascertained. It is believed that they either turned down some side street or went west into the suburbs.

In his story related to the police Nakashian states that he was driving his car slowly along the boulevard at the park and was returning from the direction of the bath-houses when he turned north at Barnum's monument with the intention of going to the center of the city. The road in back of the monument at the western end of the race track oval is a continuation of Iranistan avenue and Nakashian had driven only a short distance up the road, when the other machine, a large black limousine, appeared ahead of him and stopped so that he was forced to stop short.

Two passengers and a chauffeur were in the car. The passengers alighted and going over to Nakashian stated that they were policemen and wanted to know his reason for being in the park at such an hour. They also demanded to see his license.

As Nakashian put his hand in his pocket to get the license, both drew revolvers and commanded him to turn over the license and all the money he had. He complied with the request and they returned to the limousine after cautioning him that an outcry would cause them to fire at him.

Upon signal from the men, the chauffeur started his car and Nakashian stepped out of the Jitney in the endeavor to get the license number but as he did so one of the men leaped out of the limousine window and directed the revolver at him.

He urged him to get back into the Jitney or he would shoot.

The limousine sped away and before Nakashian could start his machine to trail the other, it had disappeared. He then went to police headquarters and reported the hold-up.

Dahlberg, Injured By Auto, Sues For \$5,000

Declaring that he will be crippled for life as a result of injuries received in an automobile crash, Andrew Dahlberg of this city has brought suit against Stephen J. Griffin of this city for \$5,000. In papers filed today in the superior court Dahlberg says that on June 25, 1916, he was crossing State street near Lafayette when he was struck by Griffin's machine.

Dahlberg was thrown to the ground, received a fracture of his left leg and cuts about the head. He was taken to St. Vincent's hospital, where he is still confined. The plaintiff is a blacksmith and says he has lost considerable money because of inability to work. The suit is returnable to the September term.

Manufacturers Await Polo Game as Feature of Outing Tomorrow

The Manufacturers of Bridgeport are to have an outing tomorrow. According to present indications about 250 members of the local association will be present. Most of the guests will be present. Most of the guests will be present. Most of the guests will be present.

A novel feature of the affair will be a polo game participated in by five picked teams. Other athletic features will be scheduled at the grounds.

M'DERMOTT PERSISTENT

Joseph B. McDermott, who has tried without success to transfer his license to various East End locations, has again applied to the county commissioners for a transfer. This time he wants to move from 371 Wheeler avenue to 144 Hallett street. The commissioners said today that no record had yet been filed against the application.

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